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----- ON BANANAS

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1. SINCE INVITATION FROM ECUADORIAN MINISTER FOR BANANA
MEETING IN ECUADOR CAME THROUGH A SECOND PARTY (MULHERIN
OF FAO), THE DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION FROM
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ECUADORIAN SOURCES REGARDING INVITATION, OR A FORMAL

LETTER FROM FAO PROPOSING CHANGE IN VENUE.

2. FYI: GENERALLY SPEAKING DEPT. PREFERS MEETINGS SUCH AS BANANA GROUP TO BE HELD IN HEADQUARTERS. IN THIS CASE OUR PREFERENCE FOR HEADQUARTERS VENUE IS UNCHANGED; WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE ECUADORIAN VENUE, HOWEVER, IF OTHER PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS DESIRE THE CHANGE. IN THE CASE OF THE BANANA MEETING OUR RELUCTANCE TO SEE THE MEETING HELD IN ECUADOR IS REINFORCED BY OUR DESIRE TO AVOID PUTTING PRESSURE ON ECUADOR, WHICH HAS THUS FAR OPPOSED AN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENT FOR BANANAS - BECAUSE -- LIKE US -- IT HAS DOUBTS ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT. END FYI.

3. DEPT. ALSO INTERESTED IN EC AND UK POSITIONS ON POSSIBLE CHANGE IN VENUE. INGERSOLL

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